

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) An authentication method comprising the steps of:  
generating a first security context in response to a first user authentication;  
generating a second security context in response to a second user authentication, wherein said second security context is an aggregate of said first security context and a security context corresponding to an identity in said second user authentication.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of saving said first security context.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said step of saving said first security context comprises the step of pushing said first security context on a stack.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of receiving a user logoff.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of destroying said second security context in response to said step of receiving said user logoff.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of reverting to said first security context in response to a user logoff, wherein said first security context is then used to access security protected resources by a user who issued the user logoff.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said step of reverting to said first security context comprises the step of popping said first security context off of a stack.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of determining an access permission in response to said second security context.
- 9-24. (Cancelled)